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Shall My Lord be paid Clear of all Charges & Premium the Sum of £ 1000 -  
which sum is proposed to be raised without Burthening Trade in the following manner  
That there be a Duty paid of 6d per lb on all Tobacco to be Exported and that  
The one penny half penny Steel now applied to Support Schools be added to  
the said 6d which will make the whole sum of 7d per lb ad valorem  
Supposing the Exportation to be 28500 lbs of Tobacco Premium which was  
the Number Exported Annually in an average for Seven years to 1741 2-6  
That a Duty of 5 per cent Steel ad valorem be paid by the purchase of  
Negroes which Supposing the Importation of Negroes to be no more than 200 -  
300 Annually and that they sell in a average at £ 15 each will amount to 300 -  
That there be a Duty of 1/- Steel per Gallon on Rum Spirits and wine  
to be Imported in Country Bottles deducting 20 per cent for leakage which  
computing the Importation at 72000 Gallons Premium besides the 1/- per  
Gallon will be 4266-2-6

B - It is expected this 5 per cent of the duty on Rum Spirits and wine will exceed the above sum of 4266-2-6  
In order to save those who shall pay the Dutys already mentioned it is proposed that  
Every Trader who comes into this Province to purchase Tobacco shall have a sum  
paid him by the Naval Officer of the port where he shall enter equal to 3/- in  
Bills of Credit of 1/- of all the Tobacco he intends to Export and if upon an  
account to be given upon the Bills, or affirmation of a Master of such Trader  
it shall appear he has received less than in Proportion for the Number of Pounds  
by him Exported the rest to be paid him, if more to return the Overplus,  
and to the end that these Bills of Credit may be useful and Advantageous to  
The Trader he is by law to be enabled to pay for his Cash with them at 6/- per  
lb of the Quantity of Tobacco contained in every bush wherby it is conceived  
The Trader will have ample means made him for paying the Duty  
Regard the Bills of Credit he receives in view of that Duty will pay for the  
Cash which the Trader used to pay for in Storb money on goods that every  
Freighter to pay 3/- in Bills of Credit for every lb of Tobc he Ships  
That the Purchasers of the Negroes and Importers of Rum Spirits and  
wine be repaid the Sterling Duty they shall pay in Bills of Credit at 50  
Cent advance and that there be an equivalent in Bills of Credit of 50  
Cent advance given to the Support of Schools in view of that 1/- per lb now  
taken away

That all the Quit Rents and Aversion Fines be paid in Bills  
of Credit at 50 per cent Advance and that the duty of 20 Steel on Negroes  
which is payable in Bills of Credit be added to the Quit Rents in order  
to pay the Several Sums already mentioned and whatever the next  
Balance Shall be clear of all charges to be deemed publick money.

To the following Address to the Governor

To the Excellency Sam Godey Esq - Governor of Maryland

May it please your Excellency to receive the humble Address of the Lower House of Assembly  
Sir Lordship having been pleased to return a Kind and gracious  
Answer to the Royal Address of both Houses concerning his Quit Rents  
and Aversion Fines and this Regard being of Opinion that the said  
Rents and Fines may be collected so as greatly to save the Inhabitants  
of This Province and to raise the Credit of our Country and ample provision